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SUBJECT: U. S.- ALGERIAN RELATIONS

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1. I CALLED ON PRESIDENTIAL CONFIDANT ZEGHAR MARCH 26 TO OBTAIN HIS LATEST VIEWS ON U. S.- ALGERIAN RELATIONS FOLLOWING HIS WEEKEND WITH PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE. HE REAFFIRMED BELIEF THAT BOUMEDIENE WILL MAKE A VERBAL COMMITMENT TO RENEW RELATIONS WITH U. S., INCLUDING TIME FRAME, DURING ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM'S VISIT TO ALGIERS IN EARLY APRIL AFTER CONCLUSION OF EL- PASO-SONATRACH FINANCIAL ACCORD.

2. I TOLD ZEGHAR WE HAD HEARD SEVERAL COMMENTS FROM  
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ALGERIAN OFFICIALS RE POSSIBLE RENEWAL RELATIONS.  
( MINISTER IRRIGATION ARBAOUI AGAIN PREDICTED RENEWAL  
TO PETER FIEGL LAST WEEK, AND CAMEL PRESIDENT CHANDERLI  
TOLD ME MARCH 22 HE HAD " OVERHEARD A CONVERSATION  
INDICATING INTENTION TO RENEW"). ZEGHAR REPLIED THAT  
WORD MIGHT BE GETTING AROUND SINCE HE HAD TOLD HAMDANI  
THAT " BOUMEDIENE WANTS TO RENEW RELATIONS WITH THE U. S.".   
THIS WAS TO PREVENT HAMDANI FROM TAKING NEGATIVE POSITION  
IN IGNORANCE OF BOUMEDIENE' S VIEWS.

2. ALTHOUGH LONG DELAY ON EL PASO PROJECT FROM AUTUMN  
1971 TO SPRING 1973 SEEMED AT ONE TIME TO HAVE REMOVED  
MUCH OF PROJECT' S POLITICAL ADVANTAGE, EXCEPTIONAL  
EFFORTS BY EXIM BANK AND OTHERS WITHIN USG TO ACCOMMODATE  
ALGERIAN SENSITIVITIES RE LOAN AGREEMENT HAVE DONFINDINGS  
REPORTED WERE QUITE GENERAL EXCEPT THOSE REPORTED BY THE  
UNITED STATES. THE U. S. FINDINGS WERE POINTED, AND SPECIFIC  
RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATION AND  
REORIENT EFFORT TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF MORE EFFECTIVE WEAPONS.  
CONSTRUCTIVE FOLLOW- UP ACTION BETWEEN THE SPECIFICALLY  
CONCERNED NATIONS WAS RECOMMENDED. ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS FROM  
CONCERNED EUROPEAN NATIONS APPEARED RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT THESE  
CANDID AND SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS BECAUSE OF THEIR OBVIOUS  
IMPACT ON NATIONAL PLANS. HOWEVER, RECOMMENDATIONS OF  
SUBSTANCE HAVE NOW BEEN MADE ON WHICH ACTION CAN BE TAKEN IF  
THE CONCERNED NATIONS ARE WILLING. THE UNITED STATES CITED  
14 ADDITIONAL CRITICAL ITEMS FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION BY CNAD,  
AND THE FOLLOWING FIVE WERE ACCEPTED BY THE RESPECTIVE  
NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS, AS NOTED, FOR STUDY PRIOR TO  
THE FALL MEETING OF CNAD:

- A. NEW RIFLE FOR NATO; FRG
- B. CLOSE RANGE DEFENSE AGAINST ANTI- SHIP MISSILES; CANADA
- C. ELECTRONIC COUNTERMEASURES FOR AIRCRAFT; U. S.
- D. ANTI- ARTILLERY SYSTEMS; DENMARK ( SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION)
- E. AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING; U. K.

2. ITEM I. B.- THE THREE SERVICE ARMAMENTS COMMITTEES, THE DEFENSE  
RESEARCH GROUP, AND THE TRI- SERVICE AIR DEFENSE GROUP REPORTED THE  
FOLLOWING TOPICS AS BEING THEIR PRIORITY TOPICS FOR COOPERATION  
AND IDENTIFIED THE METHODS BY WHICH EACH TASK IS BEING PURSUED:

- A. NATO ARMY ARMAMENTS GROUP:  
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(1) STANDARDIZATION OF CHARACTERISTICS AND COMPONENTS OF MAIN BATTLE TANKS,

(2) STANDARDIZATION AND INTEROPERABILITY OF AMMUNITION,

B. NATO AIR FORCE ARMAMENTS GROUP:

(1) WEAPONS FOR ATTACK OF AIRFIELDS AND SHELTERED AIRCRAFT,

(2) AIR DEFENSE PROBLEMS IN AN E. C. M. ENVIRONMENT,

(3) BATTLEFIELD SUPPORT OPERATIONS IN REDUCED VISIBILITY,

C. NATO NAVY ARMAMENTS GROUP- SURVIVABILITY OF NAVAL FORCES WITH EMPHASIS ON THE FOLLOWING FOUR SUB- PROBLEMS:

(1) ANTI- SHIP MISSILE DEFENSE,

(2) ANTI- SUBMARINE WARFARE,

(3) ANTI- AIR WEAPONS,

(4) ELECTRONIC WARFARE,

D. TRI- SERVICE GROUP ON AIR DEFENSE- AN AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM TO FUNCTION IN COMPLEMENT WITH NADGE AND NAVAL FORCES,

E. DEFENSE RESEARCH GROUP- DEFINITION OF A COMMON CONCEPT FOR IDENTIFICATION OF HOSTILE AND FRIENDLY FORCES.

3. ITEM II.- ARMAMENTS GROUPS GAVE PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF THEIR PROGRESS TOWARD STREAMLINING AND REDUCING THEIR COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES. CONFERENCE MEMBERS AGAIN URGED THE CHAIRMEN OF SUBORDINATE BODIES TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SUBORDINATE BODIES. THE ACTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE FALL MEETING OF CNAD.

4. ITEM III.- THE CONFERENCE APPROVED THE FOLLOWING NEW ITEMS OF WORK FOR THE NATO INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY GROUP, ALL OF WHICH CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN FUNDS PROGRAMMED FOR 1973:

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A. ORGANIZATION OF THE STUDIES FOR PROPOSING INDUSTRIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRI- SERVICE AIR DEFENSE STUDY,

B. EXTENDING THE WORK OF SG-1 ON APPROACH AND LANDING SYSTEMS TO INCLUDE COMPILATION OF SUPPORTING DATA FOR PUBLICATION WITH THE REPORT, PRESENTATION OF ADDITIONAL DATA ON SYSTEM CONCEPTS, AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO SG-7 DURING THE EVALUATION OF THE RECOMMENDED CONCEPT FOR A FUTURE SYSTEM,

C. CREATION OF SG-5 TO STUDY DETECTION OF SURFACE TARGETS WITHOUT THE USE OF RADAR.

4. ITEM IV.- CNAD REVIEWED THE STATUS OF ACTIONS STEMMING FROM THE EXPERIMENTAL CONFERENCE ON PRODUCTION LOGISTICS AND DETERMINED THAT SCHEDULING OF A FOLLOW- ON CONFERENCE WOULD BE PREMATURE. THE NADREPS WERE CHARGED WITH REVIEWING THE SITUATION AT A LATER DATE AND WITH PREPARING A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE FALL MEETING OF CNAD.

5. ITEM VI.- THE CNAD WILL NEXT MEET AT HQ. NATO ON 23-25 OCTOBER 1973. DATES PROPOSED FOR THE SPRING MEETING 1974 ARE 6-8 MARCH, OR 13-15 MARCH. DELEGATES ARE REQUESTED TO STATE A PREFERENCE. UNQUOTE. RUMSFELD

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